

**GOVERNOR'S P-20 COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES
General Meeting –April 9, 2010
9 A.M.**

Location: 1700 W. Washington
Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ

Members Present: Dr. Carol Peck, Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, Dean Gray, Dr. Karen Butterfield for Superintendent Tom Horne, Dr. Marv Lamer, LaVelle McCoy, Colleen Niccum, Dr. April Osborn, DeAnna Rowe, Joel Sideman, Vince Yanez, and Dr. Jim Zaharis

Members Absent: Rhian Evans Allvin, Dr. Pauline Begay, Dr. Michael Kearns, Paul Luna, Lisa Graham Keegan

Guest Presenters: Dr. Paul Koehler, WestEd; Cory Curl and Sarah Barclay Hoffman, EducationCounsel (telephonically)

Staff Present: Debra Raeder-Gay, Karla Phillips, and Jessica Garner

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions, and Objectives

Dr. Carol Peck called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and welcomed the Council members, and guests Dr. Paul Koehler, and attending telephonically Cory Curl, and Sarah Barclay Hoffman. Dr. Peck asked the members to briefly introduce themselves.

Dr. Peck advised the public that, if they wished to address the Council, a "request to speak" form needed to be submitted to staff in order to be recognized during the Call to the Public portion of the meeting.

Dr. Peck stated that at the January Council meeting it was indicated that the Council would be reconvened in April regarding the outcome of our RTTT application. Through the work of this Council and its task forces, ideas emerged that laid the foundation to improve and strengthen Arizona's educational system. This work will not stop because we did not receive funding through Phase I RTTT. The helpful feedback we have received regarding our application will help Arizona improve and build upon the work that we have begun. The P-20 and RTTT effort has been an enormous undertaking for this state in a short timeframe and it is my hope that Arizona will learn, grow, and improve our education system from this endeavor.

2. Approval of Council Minutes

Dr. Carol Peck called for an approval of the January 8, 2010 Council minutes. Dr. Jim Zaharis motioned that the minutes be approved. Dr. Linda Arzoumanian seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Review and Discussion: Race to the Top

Dr. Carol Peck indicated that the Governor's Office of Economic Recovery has gained the services of two renowned education policy organizations to provide input regarding Arizona's Phase I RTTT application.

Dr. Peck welcomed Dr. Paul Koehler, Director of Policy for WestEd, a nonprofit agency working at local, state, and federal levels. WestEd develops research-based programs, intervention strategies, and provides other resources to find the best answers to enduring challenges and emerging questions in education.

Dr. Peck also welcomed Cory Curl and Sarah Barclay Hoffman, who were on the telephone from EducationCounsel. EducationCounsel focuses on education policy, law, strategy, and advocacy across the education continuum. EducationCounsel also worked with Arizona in the College and Career-Ready Policy Institute. EducationCounsel is providing a national perspective on leveraging Race to the Top to promote state education policy reform.

It was noted that WestEd and EducationCounsel had both worked in some capacity with RTTT Phase I award winners, Delaware and Tennessee.

Dr. Koehler provided an overview of the elements contained in successful applications, which included:

- A compelling and strong vision with developed benchmarks on how to obtain this vision;
- A theory of action outlining who would do the work; responsibilities; how the work would be accomplished; and how success would be measured;
- Initiatives that were vertically and horizontally aligned;
- A detailed management plan with timelines, benchmarks, responsible parties, and quality control mechanisms;
- A sense of urgency and fully linked with the economics of the state;
- More action and less process;
- The State's education reform story; and
- Collaboration.

Cory Curl concurred with Dr. Koehler emphasizing that there was a process in place for collaboration and that there was an accepted theory of action by all stakeholders for these winning applications. Dr. Koehler and Ms. Curl engaged in discussion, questions, and answers with the Council members. Council members requested that staff provide an

update at the next meeting on the actions that had been pursued by policymaking entities as a direct result of the Phase I RTTT application.

It was noted that WestEd and EducationCounsel will continue reviewing Arizona's application and will provide the Governor with a plan for moving forward.

4. Comments from the Council

Dr. Carol Peck indicated that this agenda item was an opportunity for Council members to engage in additional discussion or comments. Council members including Dr. Jim Zaharis, Lavelle McCoy, Vince Yanez, Dr. Marv Lamer, Dr. April Osborn, Dr. Karen Butterfield, and Dr. Linda Arzoumanian shared their questions, comments, and concerns regarding Arizona's RTTT application.

Dr. Peck reminded the Council that the final decision as to whether Arizona should reapply for Phase II RTTT has not yet been made. The Governor will be making that decision in the near future.

5. Next Steps

Dr. Carol Peck stated that fortunately Arizona's RTTT reviews indicated that the ideas in our RTTT plan were excellent. However, they weren't fully developed and the implementation was unclear. The next steps will be having WestEd and EducationCounsel help expand upon this Council's good work.

Dr. Peck announced that the next meeting of the Council is planned for May 13, with lunch available for Council members beginning at 12:30 and the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m.

6. Call to the Public

Dr. Carol Peck made a call to the public. There were two requests to address the Council.

Janice Palmer, from the Arizona School Boards Association, asked for strong, clear guidance on whether Arizona is planning on reapplying for RTTT stating that this information needs to be out as soon as possible so that there are no surprises.

Andrew F. Morrill, from the Arizona Education Association, indicated that there must be a systemic approach to teacher evaluation systems.

7. Adjourn

Dr. Peck thanked the Council members for their attendance at today's meeting. There being no further business before the Council, Vince Yanez motioned, and LaVelle McCoy seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.